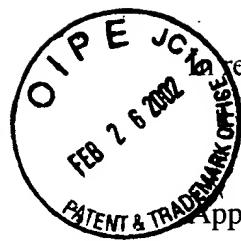


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Application of:

Edmund Colby MUNGER *et al.*

Application No. 09/429,643

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ASSURED SYSTEM
AVAILABILITY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendment and request its entry prior to examination of the claims. The Office is authorized to charge any required fees for consideration of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

A1 44. (Amended) The first computer of claim 43, wherein the selected path is operational

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